

# Safety Data Sheet (US)

#### 1. Identification

Product Identifier: Isobutane

Other Means of Identification: Iso-butane, i-Butane, Tert-butane, 1,1-Dimethylethane,

Trimethylmethane, 2-Methylpropane, L.P.G. (Liquefied

Petroleum Gas), R600, R600a

**Product use**: Fuel, refrigerant, aerosol propellant, feedstock for

production of petrochemicals (e.g. isooctane)

**Restrictions on use**: Do not use for purposes other than those listed above

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## 2. Hazards Identification

#### **GHS Hazards**

Pictogram	Classification	Hazard Statements
	Flammable Gases – Category 1	Extremely flammable gas
	Gases Under Pressure – Liquefied Gas	Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.
	Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Single Exposure – Category 2	May cause damage to heart.
<b>(1)</b>	Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Single Exposure – Category 3	May cause drowsiness or dizziness.
No pictogram	Simple Asphyxiant	May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation.

## **Other Hazards**

May cause frostbite upon sudden release of liquefied gas.

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Signal Word: Danger

#### **Precautionary Statements:**

#### Prevention

- Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces No smoking.
- Do not breathe vapors.
- Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
- Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

#### Response

- Leaking gas fire: Do not extinguish, unless leak can be stopped safely.
- · Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so.
- If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
- If exposed or concerned: Call a doctor/physician.
- Call a doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

#### **Storage**

- · Protect from sunlight.
- Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
- Store locked up.

#### Disposal

• Dispose of contents/container in accordance with applicable local, provincial/state, and federal regulations.



# 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Chemical Name: Isobutane

**Common Name/Synonyms**: Iso-butane, i-Butane, Tert-butane, 1,1-Dimethylethane,

Trimethylmethane, 2-Methylpropane, L.P.G. (Liquefied

Petroleum Gas), R600, R600a

Ingredient Name	Volume %	CAS No.
Propane	1 - 2	74-98-6
1-Butene, iso-Butene,	0.5 - 0.9	106-98-9, 115-11-7
cis-Butene, trans-Butene		107-01-7, 624-64-6
Isobutane	97 - 98	75-28-5
n-Butane	0.1 - 1	106-97-8

## 4. First Aid Measures

## **Immediate Medical Attention and Special Treatment:**

Treat symptomatically and supportively. Refer also to Table below.

First Aid:	
Inhalation:	Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. If exposed or concerned: Call a doctor/physician. Call a doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
Skin:	If cold, liquefied isobutane is on skin (or hair): take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. If skin irritation occurs: get medical advice/attention.
Eyes:	Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. If eye irritation persists: get medical advice/attention.
Ingestion:	Not expected to be a route of exposure. See below.

Most Important Effects and Symptoms, Acute or Delayed:			
<b>Exposure Route</b>	Health Effects	Symptoms of Exposure	
Inhalation:	Isobutane is not classified as an <b>asphyxiant</b> , but can act as one by depleting the concentration of oxygen in air.	Loss of consciousness, death.	
Skin:	Sudden release of liquefied gas may cause burn or frostbite.	numbness, cold or burning sensation, white, pale, greyish-yellow or red skin, blistering in severe cases.	
Ingestion	In VSA (Volatile Solvent Abuse) case, when directly spraying butane into the throat the butane jet can rapidly cool to -20C by expansion, causing prolonged laryngospasm (uncontrolled muscular contraction of the laryngeal cords) and "Sudden Sniffer's Death" from cardiac arrest.	Loss of consciousness, death.	



## **5. Fire Fighting Measures**

Flammability:	Hazardous Combustion Products:
Yes. Isobutane, liquefied or in gas form, are	Carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ),
highly flammable.	and acrid smoke.
Explosion:	Sensitive to static discharge:
Sensitive to impact: No	Yes
Extinguishing Media:	

Small Fire: dry chemical or CO<sub>2</sub>. Large Fire: water spray or fog.

#### **Unsuitable Extinguishing Media:**

- Foam.
- Water jet: Do not direct water at source of leak, especially with LPG to avoid icing.

## **Special Protective Equipment for Firefighters:**

- Wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus with full face-piece.
- Wear thermal protective clothing when the fire involves liquefied isobutane.

#### **Precautions for Firefighters:**

- DO NOT EXTINIGUISH A LEAKING GAS FIRE UNLESS THE LEAK CAN BE STOPPED.
- If tank, rail car or tank truck is involved in a fire, ISOLATE and consider initial evacuation in all directions for 1600 meters (1 mile).
- Move container from fire area if you can do it without risk.
- Apply cooling water to sides of containers exposed to flames until well after fire is out.
- Cool fire-exposed containers with flooding quantities of water applied from as far a distance as possible.
- Stay away from ends of tanks.
- Containers exposed to fire may explode or vent through pressure-relief devices.
- Refer to Guide 115 of the Emergency Response Guidebook (Transport Canada/US Dept. of Transportation).

## **Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:**

The highly flammable vapors are heavier than air and may accumulate in low areas and /or spread along ground to distant ignition sources and flash back.



#### 6. Accidental Release Measures

**Protective Equipment:** 

Gloves: Recommended: neoprene and nitrile.

Not recommended: polyvinyl chloride PVC.

Clothing: Flame-retardant coverall e.g. Nomex, Proban. Protective apron and

trousers worn over coveralls for handling liquefied butane.

Respirator: NIOSH Approved Supplied-Air Respirator or SCBA where large butane

concentration is anticipated, and the exposure level is unknown or where

an oxygen-deficient atmosphere may exist.

Eye: Safety glasses with side shields, safety goggles or face shields.

Large spills: wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved SCBA with full face-piece.

#### **Precautions:**

- Direct addition of water to liquefied gas will cause flash vaporization resulting in an explosion (either immediately or delayed) known as a "boiling liquid, expanding vapor explosion (BLEVE)".
- Do not breathe vapors.
- Do not touch spilled liquefied isobutane with bare skin to avoid frostbite/freeze burn.
- Liquefied isobutane is still highly flammable: must be kept from sparks, open flame, hot surfaces, and all sources of ignition and heat.
- The highly flammable vapors are heavier than air and may accumulate in low areas and /or spread along ground to distant ignition sources and flash back.

#### **Emergency Procedures:**

- Shut off leak/release source, if it can be done safely.
- Remove all sources of ignition.
- Isolate hazard area.
- Evacuate area of all unnecessary personnel.

Small spill: will evaporate.

Large spill: consider downwind evacuation of at least 800 meters (½ mile.)

If tank, rail car or tank truck is involved in a fire, ISOLATE and consider initial evacuation <u>in</u> all directions for 1600 meters (1 mile).

- Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering.
- Emergency personnel must wear appropriate personal protective equipment.
- Ventilate area of leak or spill.
- If possible, turn leaking LPG containers so that gas escapes instead if liquid.

#### **Containment and Clean-up:**

- Use non-sparking tools and equipment.
- Contain and recover liquid if it can be done safely: Collect spillage with an inert material (e.g., vermiculite, dry sand, earth), and place in metal container which can be grounded.
- Do not use combustible materials, such as sawdust, as absorbent.
- If a leak or spill has not ignited, use water spray to disperse the vapors or divert vapor cloud draft. Do not direct water at spill or source of leak.
- Prevent vapors or LPG from spreading to sewers, ventilation systems, confined spaces.
- Dispose of contents/container in accordance with applicable local, provincial/state, and federal regulations.
- Refer to Guide 115 of the Emergency Response Guidebook (Transport Canada/US Dept. of Transportation).



# 7. Handling and Storage

## **Handling Precautions:**

- Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
- Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces No smoking.
- Do not breathe vapors.
- Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
- Use non-sparking tools and equipment.
- Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection when handling liquefied butane.

## **Storage Precautions:**

#### Locations

- Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated location, away from any area of fire-hazard.
- Outside or detached storage is preferred.
- Storage and use areas should be No Smoking areas.
- Store locked-up.

#### Containers

- · Keep container tightly closed.
- Do not pressurize, cut, weld, braze, solder, drill, grind or expose such containers to heat, sparks, flame, static electricity or other sources of ignition: they may explode and cause injury or death

## Other precautions

• Separate from incompatibles like oxidizers e.g. chlorine gas and oxygen.



## 8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

#### **EXPOSURE LIMITS**

	Authority	15 MINS STEL or	8-HOURS
		Ceiling	
Propane	OSHA PEL	-	1000 ppm (1800 mg/m <sup>3</sup> )
(CAS 74-98-6)	ACGIH TLV	Identified as an asphyxiant	
	NIOSH	-	1000 ppm (1800 mg/m <sup>3</sup> )
Butane	OSHA PEL	-	-
(all isomers)	ACGIH TLV	1000 ppm (2370 mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	-
	NIOSH	-	800 ppm (1900 mg/m <sup>3</sup> )

L.P.G.	OSHA/NIOSH: IDLH, 2100 ppm
(Liquefied Petroleum	Because L.P.G. may cause asphyxia at concentrations well above the lower
Gas)	explosive limit (LEL), the revised IDLH for L.P.G. is 2,000 ppm based strictly
(CAS 68476-85-7)	on safety considerations (i.e., being about 10% of the LELs of 1.9% for
	butane and 2.1% for propane).







#### **ENGINEERING CONTROLS**

- Ventilate area where product is used, stored and/or handled to maintain airborne concentrations below the LEL and OEL, especially in confined spaces.
- Exhaust/ventilate to the outside.
- Ventilation equipment must be explosion proof.
- Ventilation system should be grounded and separate from other exhaust ventilation systems. Adequate make-up air must be provided.









#### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Recommended: neoprene and nitrile; Gloves:

Not recommended: polyvinyl chloride PVC.

Flame-retardant coverall e.g. Nomex, Proban. Protective apron and trousers Clothing:

worn over coveralls for handling liquefied isobutane.

NIOSH Approved Supplied-Air Respirator or SCBA where large butane Respirator:

concentration is anticipated, and the exposure level is unknown or where an

oxygen-deficient atmosphere may exist.

Eye: Safety glasses with side shields, safety goggles or face shields.



## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Chemical Formula:	Molecular Weight:	Chemical Family:
C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub> or (CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHCH <sub>3</sub>	58.12 g/mole	Hydrocarbon
Appearance:	Odor:	Odor Threshold:
Colorless gas	Slight gasoline odor	Unknown
pH:	Melting/Freezing Point:	Boiling Point:
Not applicable	-160°C (-256°F)	-11.7°C (10.9°F)
Flash Point:	Flammability:	Evaporation Rate:
<-60°C (-76°F) Closed Cup	Yes	>1 (Butyl Acetate = 1)
Upper-Lower Explosive Limit: 1.8% (LEL), 8.4% (UEL)	Vapor Pressure: ~ 60 psig @38°C/100°F	Vapor Density: ~2 (air = 1)
Specific Gravity:	Soluble in water (@20°C):	Percent Volatile:
Liquid 0.562	Slightly soluble ~50-60 mg/L	100 by volume
Partition Coefficient n-octanol/water: Log Kow = 2.88	Auto-Ignition Temperature: 460°C (860°F)	Decomposition Temp.: Not available
Viscosity: Not available	Henry's Law Constant: Not available	Isobaric Heat Capacity C <sub>p</sub> : Gas, 0.0984 kJ/mol-K @1.013 bar & 25°C/77°F

## 10. Stability and Reactivity

## Reactivity:

Avoid incompatible materials: may react violently with oxidizers.

#### **Chemical Stability:**

Stable under normal temperatures and pressures.

## **Possibility of Hazardous Reactions:**

Polymerization has not been reported to occur under normal temperature and pressure conditions.

#### **Conditions to Avoid:**

Extreme temperatures and incompatible materials.

#### **Incompatible Materials:**

• Oxidizers: may react violently with oxidizers including chlorine gas and oxygen.

## **Hazardous Decomposition Products:**

- No decomposition if stored and applied as directed.
- Combustion forms carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, irritating and toxic fumes/gases.



# 11. Toxicological Information

Exposure Route	Acute Health Effects	Symptoms of Exposure	
Inhalation:	Effects on the Central Nervous system (CNS) at >1% (10,000ppm) may range from mild (respiratory depression) to severe (asphyxiation).  In gas form: no known effects.	may range from rapid breathing, dizziness to respiratory arrest, loss of consciousness (narcosis) and death in extreme cases.	
	In liquid form: burn or frostbite.	numbness, cold or burning sensation, white, pale, greyish-yellow or red skin, blistering in severe cases.	
Eye:	In gas form: no known effects. In liquid form: burn or frostbite.	numbness, cold or burning sensation, blistering to blindness in severe cases.	
Ingestion:	Not expected to be a route of exposure.  In VSA (Volatile Solvent Abuse) case, when directly spraying butane into the throat the butane jet can rapidly cool to -20C by expansion, causing prolonged laryngospasm (uncontrolled muscular contraction of the laryngeal cords) and "Sudden Sniffer's Death" from cardiac arrest.		

## Chronic Exposure:

#### Inhalation:

Repeated or prolonged exposure may cause damage to the Central Nervous System (CNS), the nervous and the heart system.

## Skin:

Not known to be a skin-sensitizer. Repeated and prolonged contact may cause dry, red, cracked skin (dermatitis).

## **Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure:**

Possibly asthma.

Sensitization:	Reproductive Toxicology:	Teratogenicity:	Mutagenicity:
No	No	No	No
Carcinogenicity: Not listed by ACGIH, IARC, NIOSH, NTP, or OSHA	Irritancy: No	Target Organs: Central Nervous S nervous and hear	

**Lethality Tests:** 

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Chemical Name	CAS No.	LC50 or LD50
Propane	74-98-6	Rat, inhalation: >800000ppm, 15-mins
		(oxygen was also added to maintain a level of ~20vol%)
		Rat, inhalation: 658 mg/L 4hrs.
n-Butane	106-97-8	Rat, inhalation: 658 mg/L 4hrs.
Iso-butane	72-28-5	Rat, inhalation: 658 mg/L 4hrs.

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Persistence & Degradability: Not expected to persist in the environment. Isobutane is expected to undergo biodegradation in soil.	Bioaccumulative Potential: Not expected to bioaccumulate.
Mobility: When released to soil, iso-butane is expected to have a high mobility (partition coefficient organic carbon to water, Koc = ~35).	Other Adverse Effects: See below.

12. Ecological Information

#### **Terrestrial Fate:**

- Volatilization from soil surfaces is expected to be an important fate process, based upon an estimated Henry's Law constant of 0.95 – 1.19 atm-cu m/mole.
- Photolysis and hydrolysis are not expected to be important in soil.
- · Groundwater contamination is not expected.

#### **Aquatic Fate:**

- Isobutane is only slightly soluble in water. Spills will spread on the water surface and the majority will evaporate. Estimated volatilization half-lives for a model river and model lake are 2 hours and 3 days, respectively.
- Hydrolysis is not expected to be an important environmental fate process since isobutane lacks functional groups that hydrolyze under environmental conditions.

#### **Atmospheric Fate:**

- If released to air, isobutane will exist solely as gas in the atmosphere.
- Isobutane is not expected to be susceptible to direct photolysis by sunlight, but will be degraded in the atmosphere by reacting with hydroxyl radicals.
- Isobutane also has the potential to partake in photochemical reactions to produce ozone pollutant.

#### **Eco Toxicity Tests:**

Not available.

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## 13. Disposal Considerations

#### **Waste Disposal:**

- Dispose of waste material at an approved waste treatment/disposal facility in accordance with applicable local, provincial, and federal regulations.
- Excess/waste isobutane can be disposed by incineration in a waste gas incinerator or flare.
- Isobutane can also be reused as fuel for boilers and heaters.

# 14. Transport Information

## **DOT (U.S.) CLASSIFICATION**

(domestic transport only)

PROPER SHIPPING NAME: Isobutane

**CLASS: 2.1 UN NUMBER: UN1969** 

**PACKING GROUP: None** LABEL/PLACARD:



OR

**PROPER SHIPPING NAME:** Liquefied Petroleum Gas

**CLASS: 2.1 UN NUMBER: UN1075 PACKING GROUP: None** LABEL/PLACARD:



**MARINE POLLUTANT: No** 

## 15. Regulatory Information

#### **UNITED STATES**

Regulatory List	Chemical
TSCA:	Propane, n-Butane, Isobutane
Toxic Substance Control Act Inventory List	
CCA:	Propane, n-Butane, Isobutane
Clean Air Act – Accidental Release Prevention –	
Flammable Substances (1000 lb. threshold quantity)	

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### 16. Other Information

#### **NFPA Hazard Rating:**

Health 1, Flammability 4, Instability 0



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#### Glossary

**ACGIH** – American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygiene

**DOT** – US Department of Transportation

IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer

IDLH - Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health

NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health

NTP - National Toxicology Program

OSHA - Occupational Safety & Health Administration of the US Depart of Labour

PEL - Permissible Exposure Limit

SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986

**SCBA** – Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus

**STEL** – Short Term Exposure Limit **TRI** – US Toxic Release Inventory

TSCA - Toxic Substance Control Act

TWA - Time Weighed Average

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